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Eubanks Farm  
6825 Needwood Road  
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1889

Facing southeast onto Needwood Road, this frame house is situated on the top of a hill. Constructed in 1889 for Samuel Robertson, this irregular Queen Anne villa bears the unmistakable quality of its designer, Thomas Groomes, Montgomery County's most prolific 19th century architect and the great popularizer of the revival styles in the Rockville-Gaithersburg area.

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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
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MEMORANDUM

August 31, 1984

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TO: Richard Ferrara, Director, Department of Housing and  
Community Development  
John L. Menke, Director, Department of Environmental  
Protection  
✓ J. Rodney Little, Director, State Historic Preservation  
Commission  
Susan Kuklewicz, Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission  
FROM: Perry Berman, Chief, Community Planning North P.B.  
SUBJECT: Preliminary Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic  
Preservation: Rock Creek Planning Area Resources

I am pleased to transmit to your this August 1984 Preliminary Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

This document contains the recommendations of the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission concerning the unevaluated Rock Creek Planning Area historic resources identified in the County's Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites.

The Preservation Commission recommends the designation of seven (7) sites for protection under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the County Code. The Commission also recommends the removal of 15 sites listed in the Locational Atlas.

The Montgomery County Planning Board will hold a public hearing on this Preliminary Draft Plan on Tuesday, October 2, 1984 at 7:30 P.M. in the Auditorium of the Montgomery Regional Office at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Should you have any questions concerning this amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Rainhart of Community Planning North staff at 495-4565.

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Attachment

PRELIMINARY DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENT  
TO THE  
ROCK CREEK MASTER PLAN  
CHAPTER VIII

F. Historic Sites Master Plan and Ordinance

There are a number and a variety of historic resources in the County. Some are protected from adverse state or federal actions through identification on the Maryland State Inventory or the National Register of Historic Places. The County, recognizing the need for additional protection for these sites and for sites of local significance, adopted a functional Master Plan for Historic Preservation and enacted a Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the County Code in 1979.

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission was created with the enactment of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance and was charged with the responsibility of researching and evaluating historic resources according to criteria specified in the ordinance. The Commission then recommends those worthy of preservation to the Montgomery County Planning Board for inclusion in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation and protection under the ordinance.

Upon receiving a recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission, the Planning Board holds a public hearing to make its determination using the same criteria, considering the purposes of the ordinance, and balancing the importance of the historic resource with other public interests.

If, in balance, the Planning Board finds the historic resource should be designated, it will then recommend a master plan amendment to the County Council. The Council may hold a hearing before it acts, if appropriate. Upon approval by the Council and adoption by the Planning Board of the proposed amendment, the historic resource would then become designated on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation, and thus, subject to the protection of the ordinance.

The architectural and historic significance of the Rock Creek Planning Area resources identified on the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Resources in Montgomery County, -- the County official historic inventory -- have been reviewed by the Preservation Commission as part of this comprehensive amendment.

As a result of their evaluation, the Preservation Commission recommends the Master Plan for Historic Preservation be amended to include the following sites:

<u>Atlas #</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Associated Acreage</u>
22/1	Dorsey Springhouse	Dorsey Road	7880 sq. ft.
-	The modest board and batten springhouse covers the headwaters of Rock Creek, which, next to the Potomac River, has historically been Montgomery County's most important body of water.		

22/34	Eubanks Farm	6825 Needwood Rd.	11.52 Acres
-	Constructed in 1889 for Samuel Robertson, this irregular Queen Anne villa bears the unmistakable quality of its designer, Thomas Groomes, Montgomery County's most prolific 19th century architect and the great popularizer of the revival styles in the Rockville-Gaithersburg area.		
-	Recommended environmental setting of the entire 11.52 acre parcel.		
22/35	Needwood Mansion	6700 Needwood Rd. Needwood Golf Course	
-	Constructed for William George Robertson (Samuel's father). The main block, completed in 1856, repeats the tripartite motif characteristic of the late Greek revival-early Italianate periods in the windows, sidelights, and number of stories.		
-	Later flanking wings, the frame built in 1913, the brick in 1954, do not overshadow the strength of the main block.		
-	Recommended with 25 acres to include all outbuildings and a swath of Needwood Road preserving the rural vista of the site.		

If designated on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation, any application to demolish; or to substantially alter the exterior of a resource or its environmental setting must be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission and a historic area work permit (HAWP) issued. The ordinance also empowers the County's Department of Environmental Protection and the Historic Preservation Commission to prevent the demolition of historic buildings through neglect.

Three sites within the Planning Area have already been designated as part of previous amendments to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation. The sites currently protected under the County's Preservation Ordinance are:

<u>Site</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Designated As Part Of</u>
22/7	Bussard Farm	Upper Rock Creek Park	September 1983 Amendment
-	Circa 1900--Two story Victorian vernacular frame structure, represents the third dwelling on the site.		
-	Associated for more than 100 years with the Magruder family, prominent in the early historic of the State and County.		
-	Farm cultivated as early as 1734, reclaimed in the mid-1800's by Otho Magruder, an early proponent of agricultural innovation in the County.		

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated 8/31/84

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The Preservation Commission recommends the Master Plan be amended to include the following sites:

M: 22/1.....Dorsey Springhouse  
M: 22/2 .....Pugh Farm  
M: 22/14.....Oatland Farm  
M: 22/25.....J.H. Cashell (Grantham) Farm  
M: 22/30.....Barnesley House  
M: 22/34.....Eubanks Farm  
M: 22/35.....Needwood Mansion

The following three sites within the Planning Area have already been designated as part of previous amendments to the Master Plan.

M: 22/7.....Bussard Farm  
M: 22/15.....The Ridge  
M: 22/17.....Flint Hill II

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated

8/31/84

PRELIMINARY DRAFT AMENDMENT TO  
THE MASTER PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESER-  
VATION: ROCK CREEK PLANNING AREA  
RESOURCES

at  
7:30 P.M.  
Tuesday  
October 2, 1984  
in the Auditorium of the  
Montgomery County Regional Offices  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20907

to take testimony on whether or not the  
following historic resources presently listed in  
the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites  
in Montgomery County should be included in the  
Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

1. Dorsey Springhouse #22/1  
Dorsey Road (between Rte. 124 & 108)
2. Pugh Farm #22/2  
6411 Dorsey Road
3. Oatland Farm #22/14  
4231 Briars Road
4. J.H. Cashell (Grantham) Farm #22/25  
5867 Muncaster Mill Road
5. Barnesley House #22/30  
15715 Avery Road
6. Eubanks Farm #22/34  
6825 Needwood Road
7. Needwood Mansion #22/35  
6700 Needwood Road
8. Carson Farm/Log Smokehouse #22/4  
Route 124 - Laytonsville

9. Holland Farm #22/8  
19510 Muncaster Road
10. Duley Farm #22/9  
19600 Muncaster Road
11. Beane Farm Barn #22/10  
Route 108 & Muncaster Road
12. Elizabeth Darby House #22/11  
Olney/Laytonsville Road near  
Muncaster Mill Road
13. Thomas Griffith #22/12  
Route 108 & Muncaster Road
14. Chichester House #22/13  
Olney/Laytonsville Road
15. Granby Farm #22/16  
Muncaster Road
16. H.B. Magruder/Water Farm #22/19  
Muncaster Road near Redland Road
17. Belt Farm #22/26  
Route 115 & Avery Road
18. Adamson Farmhouse #22/27  
Route 115 & Avery Road
19. Muncaster Mill Ruin #22/28  
Muncaster Mill Road & North  
Branch of Rock Creek
20. Pather Cemetery #22/29  
Meyers Property off Avery Road
21. Avery #22/31  
Southlawn Drive & Avery Road
22. Gas House &  
Watergate Phone Booth #22/32  
Route 355 at College Parkway